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PERSONS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Letter dated 29 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative
of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a statement issued by the five Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden concerning the situation in Myanmar.

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 97 and 98 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on the situation in Myanmar issued by Denmark,
Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden

The Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, have noted with deep concern and regret the severe problems related to the situation in Myanmar, including the safe and orderly return of the Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh.

The State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) is unwilling to enter into a serious dialogue with the genuine democratic opposition in Myanmar. Further, the SLORC refuses to respect the outcome of the free and fair elections held on 27 May 1990. Democratically elected political leaders are being held captive, among them Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, who continues to be held under house arrest, deprived of regular contact with her family.

The Nordic countries note the recent measures adopted by the SLORC and urge the SLORC to indicate its preparedness to make progress on the road to democracy with full respect for human rights and the will of the people in accordance with its previous assurances as well as the content and spirit of General Assembly resolution 46/132, which was adopted without a vote on 17 December 1991.

The situation of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh remains precarious as the refugees refuse to return to their homes as long as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is not allowed to assist them there.

The Nordic countries urge the Government of Myanmar without delay to invite UNHCR to help to alleviate the plight of the refugees and to enable them to return to their country.
